

## REMARKS

### **Response to Restriction Requirement**

Claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-34 are currently pending in this application. In the Official Action mailed November 8, 2004, a restriction requirement was entered requiring Applicants to elect a single invention from the following groups of claims:

- Group I        Claims 1-6, 10-14, and 27-34;
- Group II       Claims 8-9 and 16-17;
- Group III      Claims 18-26.

In response to this restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-6, 10-14, and 27-34. Applicants make this election with traverse, because Applicants do not believe that examining each group in a single application would constitute a serious burden (MPEP § 803).

### **Election of Species Requirement**

In the Official Action mailed November 8, 2004, an election of species requirement was also entered requiring Applicants to elect a single species of determinants of inflammation recited in parts c) of Claims 1, 10, 23, and 27. Applicants hereby elect the species of TNF- $\alpha$ .


CONCLUSION

The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed November 8, 2004. Early and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes any informalities remain in the application that can be resolved by telephone interview, a telephone call to the undersigned attorney is requested.

No fees are believed due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 09-0528.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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